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INVENTION:

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATICALLY PRODUCING CLOCK SIGNALS FOR SAMPLING DATA SIGNALS AT DIFFERENT DATA RATES VIA A PHASE

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.56, Applicant requests that citation and examination of the references listed on Form PTO-1449, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-identified application for United States Patent.

Document AM, German DE 197 04 299 A1 relates to a clock signal recovery arrangement from a data signal stream which includes a bit rate recognition arrangement supplied with a data signal stream and at least one reference frequency signal which produces a bit-rate dependent data word for a frequency divider arrangement.

Document AN, European EP 0 862 272 A2 relates to a clock signal recovery arrangement from a data signal stream which includes a bit rate recognition arrangement supplied with a data signal stream and at least one reference frequency signal, which produces a bit-rate dependent data word for a frequency divider arrangement.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is distinguishable and non-obvious over the enclosed references, taken singly or in combination.

Accordingly, early consideration and allowance of the application, including the claims, are hereby requested.

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